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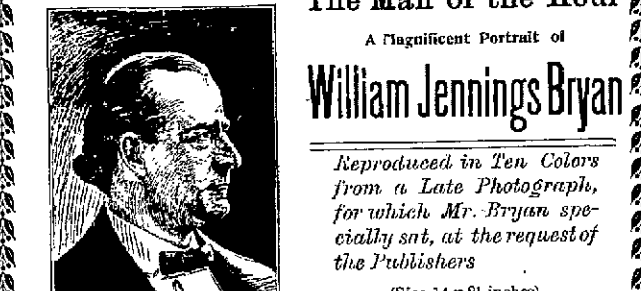
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NATIONAL DESTINY.

We Cannot Have Vassals Nor Distant Possessions.

There is not an opinion in favor of the principle that the United States possess colonies, vassals or territory not to become states in the Union. McKinley himself was of that opinion until he changed his mind and forced congress to take the great step toward the destruction of a people's government, the obliteration of popular sovereignty and the creation of an independent, personal empire.

Here are the truths expressed by all our statesmen, beginning with Mark Hanna. A close study of them will reveal the fact that McKinley and the Republican leaders are departing from these truths and violating their own convictions.

Mark Hanna.

"The destiny that has been written for this country must be fulfilled." Mark Hanna at Ohio Republican state convention in May, 1900.

William McKinley.

"I speak not of forcible annexation, for that cannot be thought of. That by our code of morality would be criminal aggression."

"Our rights and constitutional privileges must not be forgotten in the race for wealth and commercial supremacy. The government of the people, by the people and for the people, is the only basis of our system."

"The Englishman's perfection of deportment at meals comes in part from a lack of temptation to do otherwise. But the truth is none the less apparent that the complicated and delicate art of dining is a science, and that the Englishman is a man of refinement and culture."

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SWEEPING A BANK

A few years ago a well-dressed man presented himself at a certain national bank and laid down a check for \$3,000. It was signed by a well-known whole-sale whiskey house, and upon the back were the words, "Identification waived." At the same time a well-dressed man entered the office of a live stock firm at the stockyards and asked if he could wait in the office, as he expected a telephone message. He was told that he could, and he took a seat near the telephone.

Down in the bank the paying teller was asking who the holder of the check was. He said not many firms, as he was a stock dealer, but if the teller would call on Mr. Smith of Jones & Smith, the well-known brokers at the stockyards, he would find out that he was all right. The teller called for the number and when the ring answered he asked for Mr. Smith. The man on the end and he was Smith, and he at once gave Brown, the holder, the amount of the check.

When it was discovered that the check was a forgery, there was an awful kick, as Smith said Brown was as good as a gold. Smith, however, was not at all perturbed. He had a letter from the bank and it was the result was an argument between Smith and the bank teller. No one knew about the accomplice answering the phone, and the result was that Smith took his account from the bank, and no one ever knew who it was who answered the telephone.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Gift Not Appreciated.

Two well-known clubmen were strolling along Chestnut street the other afternoon when a young fellow of rather sporty attire stopped them and attempted to borrow \$5. "I've got to have it tonight, and I'll give it back to you tomorrow," he said.

The man addressed looked dubious, and his friend, who was not acquainted with the would-be borrower, moved away, apparently to be out of earshot of the conversation.

"I don't think I can lend you the money today," said the clubman.

"Come on, there's a good fellow," coaxed the other. "You'll get it back tomorrow, sure."

"No, I won't lend it to you," was the reply. "But I'll tell you what I will do. If you're so devilish hard up, I'll give you \$5."

"All right, give it to me," was the unhesitating rejoinder.

"You've got it already," said the clubman. "Do you remember the five you borrowed from me three months ago? Well, don't bother about paying that back. Nice day, isn't it? So long!" Then he rejoined his friend.

"In the last two years that fellow has borrowed \$50 from me at various times," he said.—Philadelphia Record.

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